

ADMIRAL TAYLOR ENDS LIFE WITH BULLET IN BRAIN

Aged Naval Officer Commits
Suicide.

AN INVALID FOR YEARS

Carefully Planned Self-destruction
When Wife Was Away.

Dependent Over Ill-health and
Blindness, Distinguished Naval
Surgeon Ended His Life in Li-
brary of Home, Expiring Within
Half an Hour After Shooting a
Bullet in His Right Temple.

Blind, feeble, and suffering from
senile dementia, Rear Admiral John
Yestman Taylor, U. S. N., retired, who
was with Farragut on the Onida in the
battle of Mobile Bay, committed suicide
yesterday afternoon by sending a re-
volver bullet through his brain.

LINGERED HALF AN HOUR.

Though the bullet passed through his
brain, and the temporarily deranged man
had been weakened by years of illness,
he lingered for nearly half an hour, die-
ing without regaining consciousness, though
a physician labored desperately to
revive the flame of life.

Carefully planning his self-destruction,
Admiral Taylor waited until his wife
was away, who had nursed him tenderly
through years of invalidism, was away
from the house, hoping to lighten as
much as possible the shock she would
suffer through his act.

Mrs. Taylor returned home about an
hour after her husband breathed his
last, and nearly collapsed when servants
told her of her husband's death. But
summoning the life courage which has
enabled her to care for him in his de-
clining years, she maintained her com-
posure, and assumed direction of prepa-
rations for the funeral.

Fearing that the shock might prove too
much for her only daughter, Miss Char-
lotte Bryson Taylor, the novelist, the
mother did not write the news to Miss
Taylor, who lives at 42 East Twenty-
ninth street, New York City. The
daughter has not yet recovered from the
shock she received two years ago, when
she was told over the telephone of the
sudden death of her only brother, An-
drew Bryson Taylor, a manufacturer.

Until his retirement, twenty years ago,
Admiral Taylor enjoyed the distinction
which came to him as one of the most
distinguished surgeons in the United States
navy. He was retired as a medical di-
rector, but his brilliant career and ser-
vice given him the rank of rear
admiral, retired, five years ago.

Blindness Harried Him.

Admiral Taylor enjoyed health at the
time of retirement when he was sixty-
two years old, but from that time he
began to suffer various ailments, which
finally caused him to complain that his
life was "miserable, wretched." He knew
worse year by year, until finally he was
under the constant care of physicians.

His right eye failed and he became so
feeble he could barely walk without as-
sistance. His inability to see harried
him constantly, and he complained fre-
quently about being denied the privilege
of seeing his family.

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AVIATOR AND AERO DIVE INTO THE BAY

Lieut. Towers Hurt and the
Triad Wrecked.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Nov. 16.—Lieut. John
H. Towers, of the navy, is confined to
his bed in a room at Carvel Hall to-
day and his Curtiss hydroplane is an
almost complete wreck as the result of
the first accident that has occurred since
the establishment of the navy aviation
school at the Naval Academy.

Lieut. Towers is not seriously hurt, but
he is nursing severe bruises. One eye is
so badly swollen that it is nearly closed,
and several of his teeth were loosened
by the impact of the fall.

While engaged in circling at a distance
of about three miles out over the bay,
Lieut. Towers suddenly lost control of
the Triad and was compelled to glide
downward to the bay as best he could.
Lieut. Towers said the machine suddenly
tipped while making a sharp turn, and
he lost control absolutely. Towers at-
tempted to jump clear of the super-
structure, but became entangled in the
wires, and was carried under the water
by the machine.

KING PETER HURT.

Royal Knee Suffers When Carriage
Door Slams.

Paris, Nov. 16.—King Peter, of Serbia,
who arrived in Paris today for a four
days' visit, had not been here four hours
before he met with an accident, which,
however, is not serious. He had arrived
at the foreign office to pay a call, and
was leaving his carriage when the door
slammed against his knee. The king
is suffering from a painful bruise. Pres-
ident Fallieres met King Peter at the
railway station and provided a guard
of honor for the visitor. The city is
gladly decorated.

ROOSEVELT CONTRADICTS GOVERNMENT ASSERTION IN THE STEEL TRUST SUIT.

THE ASSERTION.

(From the brief filed by the government against
the steel trust.)

"There was fear upon the part of
the corporation that when the move-
ment became publicly known the govern-
ment might take steps to prevent its
consummation. In view of this, E. H. Gary, the chairman of the
executive committee of the corpora-
tion, and H. C. Frick, a director, went
to Washington, reaching there Sunday
morning, November 4, to see the Pres-
ident, having previously made an ap-
pointment."

"Without fully disclosing all the
facts in regard to the Tennessee
stock, its ownership, the amount of
money estimated as necessary to re-
lieve Moore & Schley, and the ar-
rangements that had already been
made to relieve the Trust Company
of America, they represented to the
President that the only thing that
would prevent a vicious spread of the
panic was for the corporation to ac-
quire the stock of the Tennessee com-
pany."

"The President recorded, in a letter
to the Attorney General, written in
his presence, their representations. He
stated that said Gary and Frick told
him that there was a certain
business firm which would fall if help
should not be given, and that among
its assets were a majority of the se-
curities of the Tennessee Coal Com-
pany. The firm referred to was un-
doubtedly Moore & Schley, but it was
not true that among the assets of
the firm were a majority of said se-
curities. Nor was it true that said
Schley had among his assets a ma-
jority of anything approximating
the Tennessee Coal Company. The
President further said in his let-
ter: 'Judge Gary and Mr. Frick in-
formed me that but little benefit
would come to the steel corporation
from the purchase.'"

"This statement to the President
was a misleading one."

THE DENIAL.

(From Roosevelt's signed editorial in the Out-
look.)

"Before taking up the matter in its
large aspect, I wish to say one word
as to one feature of the government
suit against the steel corporation."

"One of the grounds for the suit
is the acquisition by the steel cor-
poration of the Tennessee Coal and
Iron Company; and it has been al-
leged on the authority of the govern-
ment officials engaged in carrying on
the suit that as regards this transac-
tion I was misled by the representa-
tives of the steel corporation, and
that the facts were not accurately or
truthfully laid before me."

"This statement is not correct. I be-
lieved at the time that the facts in
the case were as represented to me
on behalf of the steel corporation, and
my further knowledge has con-
vinced me that this was true. I be-
lieved at the time that the repre-
sentatives of the steel corporation told
me the truth as to the change that
would be worked in the percentage of
the business which the proposed ac-
quisition would give the steel cor-
poration, and further inquiry has con-
vinced me that they did so."

"I was not misled. The representa-
tives of the steel corporation told
me the truth as to what the effect of
the action at that time would be, and
any statement that I was misled or
that the representatives of the steel
corporation did not thus tell me the
truth as to the facts of the case is
itself not in accordance with the
truth."

ROOSEVELT ISSUES VIEWS ON TRUSTS

Makes Stirring Reply to His
Critics.

DECLINES TRUST DESTRUCTION

Strongly Defends His Action in At-
tacking Amalgamation of Ten-
nessee Coal and Iron Company
by Steel Trust and Says Certain
Progressives Are "Tories."

With a strong defense of his action
four years ago in the celebrated steel
trust case, when he permitted the amal-
gamation of the Tennessee Coal and Iron
Company to prevent a panic, former
President Roosevelt has issued a stirring
reply to critics of his policies.

His editorial in the current Outlook on
anti-trust legislation is regarded by far
as the strongest piece of writing from
his pen since he retired from the Presi-
dency.

Under the Law.

The following are some salient extracts
from it:

"It is a vitally necessary thing to have
persons in control of big trusts of
the character of the Standard Oil trust
and tobacco trust taught that they are
under the law, just as it was a necessary
thing to have the public understand the
same lesson in drastic fashion by the
case of Henry L. Stimson when he was
United States district attorney in the city
of New York. But to attempt to meet
the whole problem by administrative gov-
ernmental action but by a succession of
lawsuits is hopeless from the standpoint
of working out a permanently satisfac-
tory solution. Moreover, the results
sought to be achieved are achieved only
in extremely insufficient and fragmentary
measure by breaking up all big corpora-
tions, whether they have behaved well
or ill, into a number of little corpora-
tions, which it is perfectly certain will
be largely, and perhaps altogether, under
the same control. Such action is harsh
and mischievous if the corporation is
guilty of nothing except its size, and
where, as in the case of the Standard
Oil, and especially the tobacco, trust,
the corporation has been guilty of im-
moral and anti-social practices, the re-
sults need for far more drastic and thorough-
going action than any that has been
taken, under the recent decree of the
Supreme Court, is impossible, and if pos-
sible, it would be mischievous and unde-
sirable."

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FAINTS AND DIES.

Woman Fatally Stricken in Shadow
of a Church.

Falling in a faint at Eighteenth and N
streets northwest, in the heart of the
fashionable Connecticut avenue section,
Mrs. Madeline Rosasco, forty-four years
old, of 1529 Fourteenth street northwest,
was taken to her home in a cab late last
night, and died as she reached the
house.

Dr. L. F. Luckett, of 1419 Rhode Island
avenue northwest, made an examination
of Mrs. Rosasco's body, and later gave
a certificate of death from acute Bright's
disease.

Mrs. Rosasco and her husband, Bar-
tholomew Rosasco, who conduct a fruit
stand at 1334 Fourteenth street, were re-
turning home last night shortly after 10
o'clock from the home of friends. As
they neared Eighteenth and N streets,
almost in the shadow of the fashionable
Church of the Covenant, Mrs. Rosasco
suddenly reeled and grasped at her hus-
band's arm for support.

Before he could prevent she had tot-
tered and fallen to the ground in a faint.
A cab, driven by Stephen Bailey, of 3713
Dumbarton avenue, was passing at the
time, and Mrs. Rosasco was placed in
it, her husband accompanying her home.
She grew steadily worse, and
when the house was reached Mrs. Ro-
sasco was apparently unconscious. Dr.
Luckett was called in and pronounced her
dead.

Inspect Our Special Exhibit
At the National Show.

JURY BOX COMPLETE.

Twelfth Man Fills Quota in McNa-
mara Case.

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 16.—Just as
court closed to-night, after one of the
longest and hardest days of the season,
the twelfth seat in the jury box was
filled by the passing for cause of Jacob
Lansing as a tentative juror in the trial
of James B. McNamara. To-morrow
morning the peremptory challenges will
be exercised for the second time, and
more permanent jurors will be chosen.
Lansing was passed for cause after
wrangling over talesmen. Clashes be-
tween attorneys and the court were fre-
quent and the case was called on typi-
cally to admonish sharply the defense attor-
neys for remarks criticizing the court or
its rulings.

The tentative jurors now in the box,
against whom peremptories will be used
to-morrow are: T. H. Elliott, William
J. Andre, William Brunner, C. A. Heath,
A. Gribbling, Brewster Kenyon, J. D.
Sexton, Clark McLean, and Jacob Lan-
sing.

It is conceded that the State will not
more than two challenges, and the
defense more than three. This will leave
four peremptories to add to the three
already selected, and to-night every in-
dication points that the task of jury select-
ing is at least half accomplished.

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LEPROSY IS FOUND.

Two Cases in Philadelphia Sent to
Isolation Ward.

Philadelphia, Nov. 16.—Two distinct
cases of leprosy were reported to the
bureau of health this afternoon. The suf-
ferers from the malady are Rebecca
Foster, thirty-six years old, of 1820 South
Seventh street, a Russian, who has been
in this country six years, and Rebecca
Schiffman, fifty-six years old, of 68
Lombard street, who has been here twenty
years. Both cases have been removed
to the isolation ward of the Episcopal
Hospital.

Kaiser Has Cold.

Berlin, Nov. 16.—Emperor William has
abandoned his hunting trip to Silesia, on
account of a cold.

HERALD TOUR CANDIDATE
COMING TO THE FRONT

Miss Grace E. Hagan, an active con-
tributor in District 6 in The Washington
Herald's big tour contest, is a Washing-
toner by birth and resides at 1202 Mary-
land avenue northwest. She is a gra-
cious and highly esteemed young lady.

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JUDSON SCOFFS AT FIRE DANGER IN THE SCHOOLS

Denounces All "Panic-induc-
ing" Documents.

NO RISK FOR PUPILS

Declares that Washington Schools
Are Entirely Fireproof.

Engineer Commissioner Makes a
Lengthy Reply to Board of Edu-
cation Report and Asserts Ef-
ficient Fire Drills Would Mi-
nimize All Danger—Says Reports
May Bring a Student Panic.

Termining the recent board of educa-
tion report on fire risk in the public
school buildings of the city a "panic-
inducing" document, and declaring that
the buildings are all entirely safe, En-
gineer Commissioner Judson, in a state-
ment yesterday afternoon, heartily in-
dorsed by his fellow Commissioners,
said that the parents of school children
in the District need have no fear of
impending danger. Maj. Judson said
that thousands of dollars have been ex-
pended to make the buildings safe. The
structures, according to the statement,
are safer than those of most other cities.

DECLINES AGITATION.

The Commissioner said that it would
be a great pity for the District to ex-
pend thousands of dollars in making un-
necessary changes in building construction,
when the structures are now perfectly fire-
proof, and when there are such laudable
projects as a school-teachers' retirement
fund plan and the movement for higher
salaries for school officials needing sup-
port. Maj. Judson declared that the Mc-
Kinley Manual Training School building,
which was the target of most of the
criticism of the board, is one of the most
perfect buildings in the city as regards
fireproof construction.

The Commissioner said that the build-
ings are about as safe as engineering
skill can make them, and that the only
possible danger is from panic. This
danger, he said, could be minimized by
efficient fire drills.

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CALL CONFERENCE TO RESTORE PEACE

Representatives of Provinces
Invited to Peking.

A national conference will be held
in Peking shortly for the purpose of
reaching an understanding as to the
form of government to be adopted for
China. According to a cablegram re-
ceived at the Chinese Legation yester-
day, an imperial edict has been issued
inviting the different provinces to send
representatives to the conference. The
legation was also informed that Yuan
Shih Kai has accepted the premiership
of the provisional government, and that
restoring peace and re-establishing the au-
thority of the Chinese government.

An edict has been promulgated naming
three imperial commissioners to visit the
provinces to urge concerted action and
acceptance of the concessions made by
the throne in the recent edicts providing
for a constitutional monarchy. Ching
Chun, a noted scholar and former pre-
sident of the provincial assembly of Kiang
Su, and Li Chia Chu, president of the
Imperial University at Peking, are mem-
bers of this commission. The officials
of Kwang Tung province, residing at
Peking have united in a telegram to the
Cantonese, urging them to maintain or-
der and to agree to the establishment of
a constitutional monarchy.

Yuan Shih Kai has appointed the fol-
lowing cabinet:

Minister of foreign affairs—Liang Tun
Yen.
Minister of the interior—Chao Ping
Chun.
Minister of finance—Yen Fu.
Minister of education—Tong Ching Sung.
Minister of war—Wang Su Chiao.
Minister of the navy—Admiral Sah.
Minister of justice—Shen Chia Tun.
Minister of agriculture—Chang Han.
Minister of posts and communications—
Yang See Chi.
Minister of dependencies—Tsai Shao.

No orders have yet been issued by
the War Department toward sending a
regiment of infantry from Manila to
China on the transport Sherman to join
troops of other governments in policing
the railroad between Peking and Tien-
tsin. The State Department is await-
ing word from William J. Calhoun,
American Minister to China, before send-
ing the troops. It is expected, however,
that they will go within a few days.

Fighting at Nankin.

Peking, Nov. 16.—Advices received here
early today say that the revolutionary
army that is advancing to attack the im-
perial forces near Nankin had a severe
engagement with the loyal army at Lung
Tan, twenty miles from the outskirts of
Nankin. The fighting continued into the
night, and the casualties on both sides
are heavy. The imperialists were being
slowly driven toward their main rendez-
vous at Nankin.

The revolutionary army is advancing in
four separate divisions, and from two
directions. The outposts are now be-
lieved to be within fourteen miles of
each other, and a battle is expected Fri-
day afternoon.

Georgia Has Another Governor.

Atlanta, Ga., Nov. 16.—Lieut. Gov. John
M. Slaton today succeeded Hoke Smith
as governor, the latter having resigned
to take his seat as Senator from Georgia.
The governor-elect went rabbit hunting
this morning. Mr. Slaton is Georgia's
third governor in six months.

New Method Gas-Hoaxer Caught.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 16.—A man who
was charged with passing off gas as
poisonous was caught today.

FATAL UTAH FIRE.

Two Firemen Die in \$750,000
Ogden Blaze.

Ogden, Utah, Nov. 16.—A fire entailing
a loss of about \$750,000 and resulting in
the fatal injury of two firemen wrecked
the Eccles Building here. The fire started
in the basement and rapidly spread
through the six-story stone structure.

INDICT SHIPPERS AND RAILROAD MEN

Federal Grand Jury Takes
Action in New York.

New York, Nov. 16.—Indictments re-
turned by the Federal grand jury today
against three prominent railroad officials
and seven business men with important
connections in this city and Chicago for
giving and receiving rebates on freight
revealed a government investigation of
common carriers that may involve many
other roads.

Vice President Thomas N. Jarvis and
Freight Traffic Manager Clarence A.
Blood, of the Lehigh Valley Railroad
Company, and Robert R. Wags, foreign
freight agent of the Baltimore and Ohio,
are charged with refunding 10 per cent
of rate charges to the shippers indicted
with them. Figures named in the indict-
ments are small, but it is asserted that
the government authorities have evidence
showing that rebates have been given
by the two roads to the seven shippers
named for all freight moved from New
York to Chicago during the last year.

The shippers were all foreign im-
portations and consisted largely of dry
goods, millinery, spices, etc.

The two Lehigh Valley officials were
arraigned before United States Circuit
Court Judge Martin, and entered a plea
of not guilty. Bail of \$5,000 each was
furnished.

Robert E. Wags was said to be absent
from the city, and Judge Martin accepted
a plea of not guilty for him from counsel
of the Baltimore and Ohio. All parties
were given until December 4 to withdraw
the pleadings and make the customary
motions.

The business men indicted and the firms
they represent are as follows:

Julius E. Bernard, of Bernard & Judas,
Chicago.
Maurice Ascher, of Gallagher & Ascher,
Chicago.
Albert E. Graser, president American
Shipping Company, Chicago.
Oscar E. Koehne, trading as Charles D.
Stone & Co., Chicago.
August Bontoux, president International
Forwarding Company, Chicago.
George W. Shelton, Chicago.
Henry W. Ackhoff, Chicago.

There is a total of fourteen indictments,
which contain an aggregate of forty-
eight counts.

SINGER QUILTS STAGE.

Fritzi Scheff Has an Affection of
the Throat.

Philadelphia, Pa., Nov. 16.—Fritzi
Scheff, the opera star, arrived in Phila-
delphia to-night, and almost immedi-
ately after her arrival Manager Evans,
her personal representative, announced
that she never would appear on the
stage again, owing to an affection of
the throat.

This statement is being taken here
with a grain of salt, and it is under-
stood that a disagreement between Miss
Scheff and the management of the
"Duchess," in which she starred, is the
real cause of her visit to this city.

ASSASSIN ARRESTED.

Portuguese Officer Shot Bishop of
Nyassaland.

Lisbon, Nov. 16.—Advices to-day from
Portuguese East Africa state that the
assassin of the Bishop of Nyassaland
has been arrested.

A dispatch on Tuesday told of the
murder of the Right Rev. A. J. Douglas,
Bishop of Nyassaland, recently at Kajok,
on the Portuguese side of Lake Nyasa.
The bishop, with a party of three women,
was met by a Portuguese officer, who,
after an altercation, shot the bishop dead.

The British resident at Kutakou in-
vestigated the matter and the arrest of the
officer followed.

OFFICIAL A SLAYER.

Kills Children of Former Minister
and Himself.

Vienna, Nov. 16.—Ritter Matkovic, an
official of the department of justice,
this afternoon assassinated the twenty-
four-year-old daughter and two sons
of Baron Holkebeck, former minister
of justice. After the triple assassination,
Matkovic shot and killed himself.

CITY'S VICE TRACED TO ITS FOOD SUPPLY

Woman Startles Her Hearers by Denouncing New
York's Restaurants and Delicatessens.

New York, Nov. 16.—Health, private or
public, depends on food.
Morality depends on food.
When we are hungry to "see things"
we are not responsible mentally or
morally.
Hamel undoubtedly needed a square
meal.
The starving man will steal with out
compunction and often commit
murder.
Many a drunkard is made so by
sour bread.
The doctor and the dietitian are the
priests of the future.
New York City is the most vicious
and immoral in this country, because
it lives in restaurants and delicatessen-
s.

These epigrams were a part of the
speech with which Mrs. Winifred Har-
per Cooley this afternoon startled the
delegates to the seventeenth annual
convention of the State Federation of Wo-
men's Clubs, now in session at the Hotel
Astor. Mrs. Cooley is the daughter of
Dr. Ida Husted Harper, and national sec-
retary of the Associated Clubs of Do-
mestic Science.

"The quantity of food each individual

MYSTERIOUS SLAYING BAFFLES THE POLICE



William H. Mickle, a Well-
known Merchant, Killed
in Store While Hundreds
of Homegoers Are Pass-
ing—Blow with Monkey
Wrench Is the Cause of
Death.

Victim Found by Patron, who
Enters Store to Buy Package
of Cigarettes—One of the
Strangest Murder Cases in
Washington Criminal Annals
for a Decade.

Within a few paces of the street
where hundreds of pedestrians pass
every minute, William H. Mickle, six-
ty-four years old, a well-known tobac-
conist and prominent Mason, was done
to death with a blow of a heavy wrench
shortly after 6:30 o'clock yesterday
evening in the little anteroom of a
cigar store at 1004 Seventh street north-
west, which the victim had conducted
for more than twenty-two years. Mickle
expired in the arms of his wife several
minutes after the attack.

MOTIVE IS UNDETERMINED.

Leaving untouched the money and val-
uables of the dying man, the slayer,
whose motive is a mystery, stepped into
the busy street as he was his victim
writhing in his death struggle and joined
the throng of homegoers on their way
from the downtown stores and offices.
Although scores of policemen and de-
tectives are working on the case, the iden-
tity of the murderer remains a mystery.
The police theory is that the murder was
perpetrated by one who harbored a
grudge against Mickle.

On the ownership of a blood-stained
monkey wrench, which the murderer left
on a table near the form of his victim,
hinges the solution of the mystery, the
police say. Every effort is being made
to trace the implement's history. All the
second-hand stores will be thoroughly
investigated to-day in an effort to find
out where the instrument was bought.

Search for Two Men.

Two men are being sought by the
police. One is a man who wore a
rain coat, who was in the store
after the discovery of the crime.
The second man has not since been seen.
The police are being hunted by the police
thought to be the one who committed the
crime. He is stockily built and has
a dark-colored rain coat and a dark
slouch hat.

Ralph Pimes, sixteen-year-old son of
Max Pimes, who conducts the clothing
store adjoining the place where the mur-
der occurred, saw this man in the cigar
store at 4:30 o'clock. That was the last
time that the tobacco store was seen alive,
and the man seen by the boy is sought
by the police as the perpetrator of the
brutal crime. His identity will be hard
to solve, the police say, as the boy can
give no description of the man.

Lying face downward on the floor of
the little room in the rear of the store,
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